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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 15, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims appear in the listing of claims beginning on page 2. Claims 4, 18 stand canceled. Claims 1, 5, 10, 12, 19, 20 have been amended. Claims 21, 22 are newly added. The amendment leaves claims 1-3, 5-17, 19-22 pending.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8.